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CAN'T AGREE ON MATTER

City Council--School Board
Disagreement May Go
Into the Courts

MOSS LEADING FIGHT

To Get City to Give \$7,500 for Improvement
on School Building

No agreement has been reached between the city council and the public school board about the disposition of the \$7,500 in the hands of the city treasurer. Several meetings of the two bodies have been held, but up to our press day nothing beneficial to the school interests of the town have resulted. Propositions and counter propositions have been made, but the councilmen are standing pat that they have no authority to turn this money over to the school board for improving the city school building, and the Messenger ventures the guess that before this matter is settled the citizens of Decatur will be much wiser regarding municipal law and duties of town councils and school boards than were before the contest arose. It is claimed that the city has overjumped its authority for the past four years in levying the 25 cent to meet the public school (city hall) bonded indebtedness that the tax has been running four years too long, that the obligations for which the tax was created have been met, and now this amount is found in the hands of the city, put there "for school purposes," it should be used for that purpose only. Holding this view of the matter the school board has asked the council to allow the money to go for improvements on the school building. This request has been refused, the council claiming that the money should remain in the hands of the city to be used in case of an emergency that may arise when the contract with the waterworks company expires; the amount to be used to purchase the plant if it becomes necessary to do so to insure a water supply for the city. This plan of the council is not looked upon with favor by the school board, and it is believed that the people of the town are with the school board in its contentions.

Other propositions will be made the school board, and if no satisfactory agreement can be reached by which the \$7,500 can be applied on improvements on the city school building, one of our citizens and member of the school board, Mr. D. J. Moss, will institute legal proceedings against the council to recover the tax he has paid for "school purposes" for the past four years. This will be in the nature of a test case and if Mr. Moss is successful the fund will have to be returned to the people, who will then doubtless contribute it to the school board. Prominent attorneys who have looked into the matter, say the money can be recovered, as the amount rightfully belongs to the people who have paid it into the treasury. Another offer the board contemplates making the council is, for the city council to call an election for the purpose of voting on issuing \$15,000 worth of bonds for purpose of making needed improvements in the school building, and when the bonds are issued let the city call in \$7,500 worth of non-interest bonds with the money now in its hands, leaving only \$7,500 indebtedness to be met by the taxpayers. Interesting times are brewing between these two bodies. The Messenger believes that the fund should be used for improving the school building, it believes the people of Decatur hold the same view in the matter, and if the question is put to a vote of the people the amount will go for that purpose. The Messenger holds that the purchase of the waterworks plant by the city would be a bad investment, unless the plant could be bought for its true value, and that value is much less than the amount of \$7,500. But that is another question that has no concern in the matter under discussion. The Messenger believes the city council has overjumped its contract with the people in allowing the 25c tax to run four years too long in accomplishing the purpose for which the levy was made, but now that the amount in excess of the needs of meeting the bonded indebtedness is found in the treasury the money should go for a better school building. The biggest taxpayers in the city are heartily in favor of the school board's stand in the matter.

The News in the County

Alvord

Terrell Collins and son, Beno, were in Olney last week.

May Wheelock, of Greenwood, spent last week in Alvord, guest of Mrs. Adams.

Mrs. Cherry has begun a kindergarten in our town. It is something we need very much.

Luther Webb and wife, of Wichita were here last week.

Mrs. F. L. Davis and Mrs. Bob Armstrong, of Sunset were in Alvord last week.

Gains Redmon, of Oklahoma, is visiting old friends here.

R. P. Webb, of Wichita, was here a few days ago.

Several bales of cotton was brought in last week.

J. H. Lowe and wife, of Ft. Worth, are in Alvord again.

J. I. Harvey has returned after a few days visit in Dallas.

Prof. Stegall has moved his family to Alvord.

Alva Leslie is visiting in Throck-orton.

Will Matthews came in from Dallas Sunday and spent the day with home-folks.

Rev. G. A. Marvin is in Sardis holding a meeting.

W. W. Ard, of Frederick is here shaking hands with old friends.

N. B. Coats is in Plainview.

Miss Lora Litchfield, who spent the summer here with Mrs. Bud Brown, has returned to her home in Wellington.

Neck Broken by Fall

Goodlow Neely, a prominent and highly respected farmer living below Bridgeport, fell from a load of hay Wednesday afternoon and was suddenly killed. His neck was broken by the fall. Mr. Neely was hurrying to get his hay in before the rain when he lost his balance and fell. He formerly resided in Bridgeport, and was well known and greatly liked there. Mr. Neely was a single man and about 40 years of age.

Carswell--Standley

The wedding of Mr. Robert Carswell and Miss Jessie Standley was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the New South Baptist church, three miles north of Decatur, Rev. M. L. McDowell officiating. These young people are members of prominent families. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Standley, and is a most lovable and popular young lady. Mr. Carswell is a young man of sterling character and exemplary habits, ambitious, and is fast making his mark as an attorney. He is well known and popular over the county. Both parties have many friends who join in wishing for the newly-weds a long, happy and prosperous life together.

Mr. and Mrs. Carswell were the recipients of many handsome presents. They will be at home to their friends at the Wade residence on East Main street.

MANURE MEANS DOLLARS.

Manure is worth dollars. Why not save those dollars? Manure adds humus as well as plant food to the soil, and one is as valuable as the other. The soil may contain all the elements of plant food, but if it has no humus these elements are not available and plants do not thrive. Humus aids in retaining moisture for the future use of the plant. Now is the time to save money by saving manure, and manure is best saved by being spread upon the field where it will do the most good. Immediate value in crops as well as ultimate value in the farm results from the use of the manure spreader.

Paradise

Most of the farmers in this locality are picking cotton.

Miss Florence Patterson and little sister, Margetta, have returned home from West Texas.

Mr. Pool and wife, of Oklahoma, are here visiting their son and daughter, Joe Pool and wife.

Miss Taylor, of Reno, is here visiting relatives.

Prof. J. E. Barnett was in Anneville last Tuesday.

The school board has employed Prof. Reuben Huddleston as principal of the public school for the coming term.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffee, of Arkansas, who have been visiting relatives here returned home last week accompanied by their daughters, Mesdames J. C. Coffee, W. H. Moody and their grand son Roy Coffee.

A series of meetings is in progress at the Christian church. Services are conducted by Rev. Wallace.

Mr. May and wife are in Jack county visiting relatives.

The Misses York were Alvord visitors last week.

Little Miss Otella Bridges is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Dee May, wife and children are visiting relatives in Oklahoma.

Misses Effie and Lucy Atkins attended meeting at Joe Bailey several days last week.

Earl Frost and sister, Lola, returned home Friday from visiting in West Texas.

Mrs. Irene Evans of Boyd is spending this week here with relatives.

A revival meeting began at the Baptist church Friday night. Revs. W. W. Nee Smith, of Springtown, and Mcells, of Ft. Worth, are conducting the services.

Carl Read returned home from an extended visit in West Texas.

Mr. Jim Malone, of Decatur, was here Tuesday.

Messrs Joe and Alf Brown have been visiting sick relatives in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Ramsdale went to Ft. Worth Sunday to see her sons, Ben and Sam, who are undergoing a treatment there.

Ras Lindsey has returned from a visit in Amarillo.

Grandma McAfee, a pioneer resident of Wise county, has gone to live with her son, Wilmer, in Fort Worth.

Joe Bailey

The normal music school began Monday at Pleasant Grove with an enrollment of 52. W. R. Lewis, of Plainview, N. M., and Henry Fargerson, of Conroe, Texas, are among those attending.

The Sand Hill meeting closed Sunday night. Bro. Sullivan was assisted by Bros. Isbell and Oliver.

Mr. Arthur and Miss Maud Gilliland were Sand Hill visitors Sunday.

Leonard Burton returned last week from Canyon City where he had been spending the summer.

Ed Gentry and Robert Donaldson made a business trip to Fort Worth last week.

T. J. Gentry went to Fort Worth one day last week.

Mrs. R. M. Lackey and granddaughter, Miss Ora Lackey, are visiting Mrs. T. J. Gentry.

G. P. Alston and family spent several days of last week with relatives in Denton county.

Despite the fine rain of last week, cotton is suffering badly from the extreme heat.

Leon Clair left last Saturday for Mineral Wells to attend the wedding of St. Clair.

Twenty Years Ago

August 22.—A tacky party was given Tuesday evening by Mrs. George Goff to her little daughter, Miss Nellie.

Last Saturday a difficulty occurred between J. H. Cobb, of Wichita Falls and J. C. Carpenter of this place over a lawsuit. They met on the sidewalk and Cobb drew his pistol and shot at Carpenter, who ran into Reid's grocery store, which probably saved his life. Cobb claims that Carpenter threw his hand behind him and that he expected him to draw a pistol. Carpenter denies this. They are both prominent citizens.

Forty carloads of watermelons have been shipped from Alvord up to date.

Dan, a new town and postoffice in this county, is located on the Gainesville road, one half mile below the upper iron bridge on Denton creek, at the Alliance gin. It has a steam gin, a store and blacksmith shop.

Wednesday last Forrest Spencer, son of Judge Spencer, and Lou Spencer, son of Ed Spencer, had a difficulty and both boys are pretty badly used up. They are about 12 years of age.

Miss Minnie Leatherwood of this city continues to lead in the contest of the Fort Worth Gazette's Hardin College scholarship.

August 29.—The following teachers have been elected to the Decatur public school: Misses Bettie Featherstone, Lizzie May Soward, Etta May, Fannie Green, Mattie Pistole, Alice Poarch, Mr. P. C. Funk, J. D. Goldsmith, superintendent.

S. W. Snyder has moved back to the city.

City Marshall, W. H. North was on trial in the district court Saturday charged with the murder of N. C. Cargill, in this city in April. The evidence being insufficient to warrant a conviction, Judge Patterson instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty, which they did without leaving their seats.

Aurora's first bale of cotton sold for 7.42c per pound.

John Wasson has purchased the Abbot residence on East Main street.

The Decatur canning company is doing an immense business this year.

Miss Cora Opse is the guest of Mrs. Jas. Harvey in Alvord.

Homes Investments

The United States census shows ALL lands in Texas to have increased in value

173 per cent

in the past ten years. This means 17.3 annually for that period.

Can you beat that for a safe investment?

Get a home.

There is only one crop of land. Think of 80 acres, improved farm in Wise county at \$10 per acre. I have it. 'Twill never be as cheap again.

250 acres, well improved, good farm in Wise county at \$17 per acre; worth \$25.

These are bargains. The increased values are more on bargains.

A. W. Collier, Decatur

Death of Aged Woman

Terrell, Tex., Aug. 19.—Mrs. J. K. Bumpass, one of the pioneer citizens of Terrell, died at the family home here this morning at 4 o'clock after a lingering illness, aged 80 years. Mrs. Bumpass was reared in North Carolina and was there married to Capt. J. K. Bumpass. They came to Texas in 1855 and located in Terrell in 1877, and have resided here since. Her husband died eleven years ago. Surviving her are the following named children, L. C. Bumpass, Farmersville; Mrs. Nannie Smith, Collin County; Mrs. Susie Davis, Oklahoma City, Ok.; Ed R. Bumpass, Terrell; Mrs. Modena Wilson, Decatur; Mrs. Verona Hoyle, Decatur; Mrs. Nellie Aiken, Decatur; R. D. Bumpass, Abilene; Mrs. Nina Patterson, Groesbeck. The remains were shipped this morning to Farmersville for burial in the family burying ground in the Farmersville cemetery. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of this city.

Frozen to Death in August

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 22. W. A. Skinner and wife of Dallas, Texas, were frozen to death near the summit of Pikes peak this morning. Their bodies, almost covered with snow, were found side by side by a boy walking down the peak this afternoon.

It is understood both victims were printers employed on a Dallas newspaper.

Skinner and his wife started to walk to the top of the peak early yesterday afternoon and stopped at the office of the Pikes Peak News, about three miles above the half way house, to register. At that time Mr. Skinner who was about 55 years old, doubted their ability to reach the top of the mountain. Mrs. Skinner, who was about ten years younger, is reported to have made the remark:

"I'm from Texas and they're not going to say when I get back that I couldn't climb Pikes peak."

The couple was last seen about 4 o'clock by the crew of the downward bound cog railroad train. At that time Mr. Skinner repeated his doubts to some of the passengers. But Mrs. Skinner again insisted on trying to reach the summit. At 7 o'clock last night a severe snowstorm which covered the peak to a depth of a foot on the level, accompanied by a fifty mile wind, broke on the peak. From the position of the bodies when found, it is believed the couple sought shelter in the lee of a huge boulder but a short distance from the track. Both wore very light weight clothing.

A pathetic feature of the deaths is the finding of a letter in Skinner's pocket dated Dallas, Aug. 17, from J. H. Choice, in which these words occur:

"I hope you are having the time of your life in Colorado. I am sending you an overcoat as per your request. I hope you don't freeze to death on Pikes peak."

Hurt in Ball Game

Frederick, Ok., Aug. 21.—Sid Standfield, who was injured in a recent game with the Anadarko ball team by having his collar bone broken, has left for his home in Chico, Tex. He will not be able to play any more ball this season. He was sliding to the home plate when injured.

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Farm and Garden

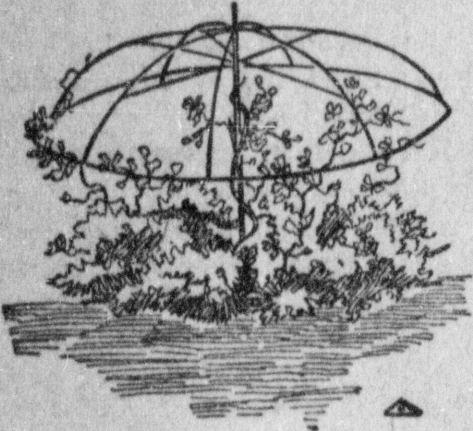
GOOD LAWN BEAUTIFIER.

Its Foundation is Only an Old Umbrella Frame, but It's Most Artistic.

One does not need the services of an expensive landscape gardener to make one's lawn a thing of beauty. Of course, thick, well rolled and well cropped turf is the prime necessity, but there is always needed some bit of color to accentuate the eye resting beauty of the long sweep of green.

Here is the way one ingenious woman secured a centerpiece for her sward, according to Popular Mechanics:

She dug up an old umbrella from the attic, cut away the faded silk cover-



SIMPLE ORNAMENT FOR LAWN.

ing, ran a piece of thin wire through the top of each rib, taking a turn around each eye, so as to keep the ribs apart at regular intervals, and then sunk the handle deep into the ground in a small circle cut out of the sod in the middle of the lawn.

Then she planted some sweet peas in a variety of colors, and now she has a Joseph's coat mound of color that is an absolute delight. And, obeying the old adage, "the more sweet peas you pick the more you'll have," she has her vases all through the house filled all the time.

THE VALUABLE TURNIP.

Worth Growing if Only For Its Effect on Dairy Cows.

While the real food value of turnips is considered somewhat low, they are wonderful appetizers, especially for dairy cows, not only toning up their systems, but increasing the flow of milk.

Then there are several tempting dishes for the table that can be formed from turnips, and by storing a goodly supply of them for winter their use will save considerable of the higher priced products, both around the feed stalls and table.

Turnips for winter storage should not be sown till in July, from the 10th to the 20th, or even a few days later will not be too late. Where they are sown earlier than this the hot weather causes them to become strong and pithy, but if sown as above stated they mature when the weather is cooler, which greatly enhances their flavor, gives them a firm, solid flesh and adds to their keeping qualities.

A rich, sandy loam or fresh sod soil is best adapted to turnip raising and they may be sown either broadcast or drilled. If sown broadcast it may be done just before a shower, and there will then be no necessity for covering the seed, as the raindrops will do the work better, a light covering being all that is required. If the seeds are drilled one can arrange so the plants may be cultivated by hand, the rows being placed about eighteen inches apart. Put in plenty of seed at the time of drilling and thin out the plants when they come up till they are from three to four inches apart, thus giving them ample room to grow. —Homestead.

Rape Seed For Hogs.

If a little rape seed is sprinkled in with the rye a variety of feed will be provided and the hogs will do even better than upon rye alone.

Brief Suggestions.

Go over the orchard and see that all the wounds are well painted.

The golden wax bean is a favorite with many garden makers. It is tender, of good quality and stringless.

If a small pig is chilled it can be revived by dipping it in water as hot as you can bear your hand in, then wrapping it in warm flannel.

Don't keep your horse in an overheated stable and then stand him for hours in a freezing atmosphere and wonder how he became paralyzed.

The durability of the mule is a strong point in his favor. He lives and works to a good old age. His "sense" of self protection is strong, and he avoids many injuries.

Never get the idea in your head that drugs and health are separable, for in most cases it will be found that what we keep out of our system

than what we put in.

Blackberries are very prolific and ripen at the time they can be economically gathered and marketed. They are seldom injured by late frosts and for this reason are surer than some other berries that ripen earlier.

The wheel hoes are great labor savers. A plow attachment is very convenient for opening furrows and to cover the larger seeds, as peas, beans and sweet corn. Some of the combination wheel tools with drills, cultivating teeth, plows and rakes are very satisfactory.

BE WISE; STICK TO FARM.

It Stands For Everything Attractive, Wholesome and Profitable.

For the restless boy or girl who wants to go away from the farm and get out into the big world to do something, no better bit of earnest reading can be found than this extract from the New York Independent.

"The new farm children," it says, "live a third dispensation. The sciences began to take hold of the land at least fifty years ago, but there was an off-clearing necessary. The transition period was protracted, mainly because the land was already in possession of a race of farmers that must die off.

"The agricultural college applied the sciences to tillage and to crops and to animal life on the farm twenty-five years ago. It was slow work, not only to awaken the farmer, but to investigate, discover, and then to apply. The age is now rapidly falling into the hands of men who are alive to the great fact that production has never yet approached its maximum. The orchard has all this while, thanks to moths and caterpillars, become more and more an entomological laboratory. Gradually it has come about that not a thing can be grown on the land without a fight. This has not by any means been a permanent loss, but has awakened a spirit of scientific examination and determination to master conditions. The microscope and the crucible are as necessary today as the plow and the hoe. The farm boy is not without stimulus, nor is he without interesting conditions; rather it will now take the brighter boys to do the farming.

"The development of farm machinery and the application of new forces on the land have gone on at the same time. In every department of the home, in the house as well as in the barn, machinery takes the place of men, and the help problem is now driving us to a still more complete age of mechanism.

"There is no lot on earth so enviable today as that of an American farm boy or girl. They have room, fresh air, beautiful surroundings, while the arts and sciences are involved in their work, and isolation is absolutely abolished.

"Nothing can be gained any longer by quitting the farm. It stands for everything that is attractive, wholesome and profitable; but at the same time it stands for the new and the stimulating. Country life cannot be made dull, unless it wilfully severs itself from advantages that are freely offered."

WILD MUSTARD GREAT PEST.

Not Useful Like Its Eatable Cousins, but an Indefatigable Menace.

About as troublesome a weed as the farmer the world over has to deal with is the charlock or wild mustard. It is prolific in the extreme and, unlike its black and white cousins, is not only worthless, but harmful. About the only way to control it is to use a spray



SPRAYER TO DESTROY WEEDS.

made up of either a 2 per cent solution of copper sulphate or a 15 per cent solution of iron sulphate. The quantity needed is from fifteen to twenty gallons to the acre, and American grain growers go after it with a sort of watering cart.

It is particularly obnoxious in wheat-fields, not only choking growth, but making the harvesting of the crop a matter of great difficulty.

Creek an Ideal Farm Hand.

A wide-awake farmer noticed that his creek, if dammed at a certain place, would produce a six foot waterfall. He built a dam and put in a water wheel—a \$300 turbine that yielded twenty-five horsepower. Over the water wheel he built a powerhouse in which he placed a dynamo for the water wheel to run. The electricity was wired 1,700 feet to the farm buildings.

Then he put his electricity to work in every possible place about the

ises. He heated and lighted the house, did the cooking and the washing and ironing, did the sweeping and dusting, beat eggs—and at three different speeds too—turned the ice cream freezer and in summer ventilated the house with fans.

Now with a vacuum milking machine he milks twenty cows, two at a time; drives the cream separator, churns, pumps water into every room in the house and into the stall of each horse and cow, drives lathes and drills in a workshop, drives a circular saw to cut cordwood and drives an ensilage cutter. It pays to be up to date.

THE MONEY MAKING MULE.

The mule is a slave animal. At two years he is ready to do considerable work and will from that age on make a profit over and above his feed and expense bill in the value of his labor and at the same time be growing more valuable until four or five years old, at which age he will command the top of the market in his age class.

MAKE FARMHOUSE FIT.

Don't Build Compact City Dwelling on Your Spreading Green Fields.

In our great cities land is dear and houses must be adapted to small areas. Architects have studied how to get the most house on a limited space because the man of moderate means cannot afford to buy a big lot. City houses are built on these condensed plans and are very well adapted to such conditions. But we are sorry to see that some of these city house plans are being taken into the country. When set into the wide space of a farm they look out of harmony with their surroundings.

The farmhouse should have all the comforts and conveniences of the city house, but it should not look like the city house. It should be so designed



A COMFORTABLE DWELLING.

as to fit into its surroundings. The old fashioned farm home, with its air of comfort and repose, is in better taste than the modern bobtailed city house is on the farm.

Farmhouses can be tasteful and adapted to their location without being expensive, and it pays to see that they are so. A tasteful home has a sale value in the country just as it has anywhere, and farmhouses should be built with this idea in view.

Above all this, however, is the pleasure of living in a tasteful country home, one that is adapted to its purpose and fitted to its location. There is a satisfaction here that is not reckoned in dollars, but is worth trying to get.—National Stockman and Farmer.

A Good Chick Feed.

For a good cake for chicks as well as fowls (and also for dogs) take about a quart of cornmeal, a pint of wheat bran and a pint of flour. Mix with sufficient sour milk to make batter. Add two teaspoonfuls of soda stirred up in a little sour milk and salt to taste. The batter must not be made too thin, nor should the cakes be allowed to scorch. One big cake laid on the floor each day will make the little chicks grow beyond belief.

Farm Philosophy.

Education is our hope for better agriculture. Let us advance every interest that will help the cause of education.

Progress in farming is an individual problem from the solution of which the state, the nation and the world must benefit.

When planting trees about the house set them quite a distance off, say thirty feet. Let the sunshine in and save doctor's bills.

One of the first considerations in improving country life and in reducing the drudgery of farm work is the extensive use of improved farm machinery. Study your conditions and examine the implement catalogues for the tools you need. Efficient implements are the farmer's capital and usually bring profits when properly used.

His Stumbling Block.

"Have you ever seen the Canadian Rockies?"

"No."

"Then there is a glorious treat in store for you."

"Don't you believe it. If I ever get money enough to go to the Canadian Rockies my house will need painting. It always does whenever I begin to think I can see daylight ahead."—Chi-

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: Pastor Russell's Sermon :



WHERE ARE THE DEAD?

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Pastor Russell at Chautauqua.



Galesburg, Ill., July 30. — Pastor Russell of Brooklyn, and now also of London, delivered addresses to large audiences at the Galesburg Chautauqua today. His topics were, "Where are the Dead?" and "The Judgment of the Great White Throne." We report the former. Each address lasted for nearly two hours, but so deeply interested were the audiences that they seemed not to note the flight of time. He said:

No other question could be of deeper interest to thinking people than the one now before us—"Where are the dead?" Our ancestors, our neighbors, our friends, are dead or dying, and ourselves with them. What will be our condition when the spark of life flickers out?

The Bible confirms the ablest findings of science when it tells us that the dead are dead and not alive at all, anywhere. The Scriptures declare, "The dead know not anything;" "their sons come to honor and they know it not; they come to dishonor but they perceive it not of them." Again the Bible says: "There is neither wisdom nor device nor knowledge in the grave [sheol, the Bible hell] whither thou goest" (Ecclesiastes ix, 10).

Where, my dear friends, is the key to the problem? The Bible hell is the grave, sheol, hades, the death state. The salvation which God has provided is the salvation from sin and from death. The hope set before us in the Gospel is—the resurrection of the dead. If nobody is dead there can be no resurrection of the dead. It is not the body which dies that God has promised shall be resurrected, but the soul. It was not Adam's body merely that was punished with death, but it was his soul, which included the body.

God's provision for the salvation of mankind is that "As by man came death [not eternal torment], by a man [the man, Christ Jesus] comes also the resurrection of the dead.

The Redemption Price Given.

Not only do the Scriptures clearly set forth that the wages of sin is death and that thus death passed upon the entire human race [Romans v, 12] but they also set forth that the redemption price which Jesus gave was death. "He poured out His soul unto death."

He made His soul an offering for sin (Isaiah lxi, 10, 12).

As a result, "in due time," there will come a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust. By the just is meant those justified and brought into harmony with God through faith in Christ. By the unjust is meant all others. Thus the Church will share in the First Resurrection with Christ; these are the Elect of the Scriptures. Their resurrection and complete change of nature have already begun in them through the begetting of the Holy Spirit.

They will be like Christ, who is the express image of the Father's person. Like God and the angels they, as spirit beings, will be invisible to mankind. These with their Lord and Head will set up the Kingdom of God—the Messianic Kingdom. "They will reign with Christ a thousand years." These are the saintly ones, a class recognized by Catholics and Protestants, by Luther, Calvin and Wesley. All are agreed respecting such a class. The entire point of discrimination is respecting the masses of our race for whom Christ died and for all of whom the various creeds provide torments untellable, unthinkable.

Do not the Scriptures repeatedly tell you that the dead fall asleep? St. Paul writes of those who fall asleep in Christ; and again, of those who "sleep in Jesus;" and again that all would sleep except those saints who would be changed in a moment, at the second coming of Messiah. Did not Jesus say, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth?" Where do they sleep, and for how long? The Bible answers, "They that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake" (Daniel xii, 2). The Bible tells us that the weeping, sighing and dying of this present dark night will give place to a glorious morning of better things, the resurrection morning—the morning of the Messianic reign of glory for the blessing of all mankind.

Not Universalism but Universal Opportunity.

Pastor Russell disclaims Universalism. He finds the Bible to teach a universal opportunity for salvation and everlasting life, but that the gift of God, eternal life, will be given only to those who will avail themselves of the opportunity. Upon all others will come the wages of sin, eternal death.

The Redeemer taught us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven." That glorious time will come when, as the Prophet declares, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess Messiah; and the knowledge of the Lord shall fill the whole earth.

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Farm and Garden

GROW OWN TABLE DAINTIES.

Every Farm, No Matter What Its Size, Should Have a Kitchen Garden.

Perhaps the most characteristic feature of our northern and eastern farms is the home vegetable garden, says W. R. Beattie, assistant horticulturist, bureau of plant industry. Even where no orchard has been planted, and where the ornamental surroundings of the home have been neglected, a fairly well kept garden in which are grown a number of the staple kinds of vegetables is generally to be found. In many cases the principal interest in the garden is manifested by the women of the household and much of the necessary care is given by them. A small portion of the garden inclosure is generally devoted to the cultivation of flowers, and a number of medicinal plants are invariably present.

Throughout the newer parts of the country one finds that the conditions governing the maintenance and use of the vegetable garden are somewhat different, and, while a number of vegetable crops may be grown somewhere on the farm, there is wanting that distinction so characteristic of the typical New England kitchen garden.

It would be impossible to make an accurate estimate of the value of crops grown in the kitchen gardens of the United States, but from careful observation the statement can safely be made that a well kept garden will yield a return ten to fifteen times greater than would the same area and location if devoted to general farm crops. A half acre devoted to the various kinds of garden crops will easily supply a family with \$100 worth of vegetables during the year, while the average return for farm crops is considerably less than one-tenth of this amount. A bountiful supply of vegetables close at hand where they may be secured at a few moments' notice is of even more importance than the mere money value.

Fresh vegetables from the home garden are not subjected to exposure on the markets or in transportation and are not liable to become infected in any way. Many of the products of the garden lose their characteristic flavor when not used within a few hours after gathering. By means of the home garden the production of the vegetable supply for the family is directly under control, and in many cases is the only way whereby clean, fresh produce may be secured.

The home vegetable garden is worthy of increased attention, and a greater number and variety of crops should be included in the garden.

The question of proximity to the house or other buildings is of great importance when locating a garden. In old homesteads the garden was generally located directly adjacent to the house, requiring but a few steps from the kitchen to reach the extreme parts of the garden. The work of caring for a garden is usually done at spare times, and for this reason alone the location should be near the dwelling. In case the site chosen for the garden should become unsuitable for any cause, it is not a difficult matter to change the location. Many persons prefer to plan the garden in a different location every five or six years.

Guinea Pigs as Lawn Mowers.

In America the humble guinea pig is used largely to advance the cause of science by succumbing to different germs, by refusing to weaken after generations of intense inbreeding, and by generally "tending to prove" whatever the scientists want to prove. But over in England the guinea pig is being used as a lawn mower with great effect. He is more than a mere machine at that, for we are assured that he not only clips the lawn evenly, but with rare discrimination removes all the weeds therefrom. Guinea pigs multiply very rapidly and almost any one can get enough to keep his lawn mowed if he starts early in the spring. We thought the American farmer who tied his lawn mower to an automobile and skidded around over his lawn had solved the problem, but the English mowing system has certain points of superiority which increase our respect for British ingenuity.—National Stockman and Farmer.

A Certain Cure.

"Do you know anything that will kill potato bugs?" asked the young man with the yellow fingers.

"Yes," said the old lady with the gingham apron crustily: "get 'em to smoke cigarettes."

Discourtesy does not spring merely from one bad quality, but from several—from foolish vanity, from ignorance of what is due to others, from indolence, from stupidity, from distraction of thought, from contempt of others, from jealousy.—La Bruyere.

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Mr. Advertiser, Circulation Counts With You

In Decatur's Trade Territory it is the Messenger with the Purchasing Public

We suggest Jake as the real 'white man's hope.' We believe he could interest Black Jack.

Governor Colquitt has congratulated Jake Walters for slugging Tom Love, the prohibitionist.

Decatur must have a bigger and better school building. That seven thousand, five hundred dollars in the hands of the city should go for improvements on the present structure.

If given the opportunity to have a "say" in the matter, the citizens of Decatur will request the council to expend the money in making needed improvements on the city school building.

When thieves fall out honest men get their dues. If the antis at Austin will keep on fighting among themselves, maybe the pros can uncover some of the rottenness of the prohibition election. On with the battle!

The city council will be commissioned at the proper time to purchase a waterworks system. At this particular time the citizens of Decatur want their public school building remodeled and put in shape to meet the growing demands of the town.

Ardmore has a morning paper that is a hummer, edited by our life-long friend, Will Geers, son of that nestor of Texas journalism, Col. C. W. If the big Oklahoma town really wants a good morning publication the citizens should rally to the Star's colors. Billy Geers can deliver the stuff that makes newspapers big factors in making towns prosper.

Citizen D. J. Moss is of the opinion that for the past four years his employers, the Decatur cottonseed oil company, have been paying into the city treasury 25 cents too much on the hundred dollars valuation of the company's property, and if the council refuses to apply the amount for improving the school building a suit will be brought to recover the money from the city.

If there is a surplus of \$7,500 in the city treasury, "for school purposes," and the city school building is in a dilapidated condition, we'll wager money, marbles or crayon that the tax payers of Decatur will, by a brutal, overwhelming majority, vote the money for improvements on the school building. Try 'em on the proposition, councilmen.

About three years ago the Messenger called upon the city council to show the whys and wherefores of that one dollar and twenty-five cents tax rate, why our taxes were just a little higher at that time than the rate in other towns in this section of the state. Explanations were made, but none were satisfactory to the citizens. But now it transpires that at that very time the taxpayers were paying 25 cents too much on the one hundred dollars valuation of their property—if the school board is correct in its contention.

NOT EVEN THERE

Two young girls have taken out a license and permit to fly; The young men might as well come down, There's now no refuge in the sky.

Another Bailey endorsement resolution bomb has been thrown into the state senate by the antis to divide the pro vote. Action on this resolution has been postponed till tomorrow. This trick is an old one, and has been worked overtime—it's the only hope for the Walters gang. If the pros fall for it again they will eternally brand themselves as political nincompoops and betrayers of the sacred trust placed in their hands by the prohibitionists of Texas.

Want 'Bridgeport Day'

I see in the Messenger that Joe Wheeler confederate park, south of Decatur, will in the near future be much improved under the direction of Frank J. Ford of Decatur. In relation to this, I want to say that the Bridgeport people have been attending the reunions of pioneers of Wise county and the confederate veterans' annual reunions from year to year in an aimless manner—more to see and be seen than to make themselves helpful to the reunion and profitable to Bridgeport.

Therefore, it occurs to me that Bridgeport ought to ask the management of Joe Wheeler park to let us get into the organization in some way that will make us a part of it, to the extent that Bridgeport can have a day set apart to be known as 'Bridgeport Day.' Then we can go in our strength as a community, taking with us any exhibits we may have, and thus present a united effort to place our town and community before the people in the best possible light.

By doing this we will be helping the reunion in a substantial way and at the same time we'll be pushing the interests of our people.—J. L. Crawford in Bridgeport News.

The above suggestion of Mr. Crawford is a splendid one indeed, and the Messenger believes the proposition will receive favorable consideration at the hands of the committee having in charge the management of the 1912 reunion. It is proposed to have a committee from the sons of confederates organization to assist a like committee from the old soldiers and settlers camps in making the next reunion the grandest affair of the kind ever held in this section of the state. With Commander Ford and his committee looking after attractions and entertainments for the people, we believe the gathering will be more than three times greater in point of number than has ever been seen on the grounds. Frank J. and his committee want to see the reunions at Joe Wheeler park continue for years and years to come, and to make secure the perpetuity of the annual gatherings the sons of confederates are ready and anxious to put forth their best efforts to accomplish big things for the pleasure of the old exconfederates and their friends who will come and mingle with us during the six day reunion next year. Mr. Crawford's suggestion has been discussed by Commander Ford and the committee, and in all probability the matter will receive attention at a meeting of the sons in a short time. Bridgeport should have a day set aside for her, and other hustling towns in the county desiring such recognition should receive it, and no doubt will, as the committee looks with enthusiasm on the plan.

Jake Wolters, the ring leader of antis, went on the warpath Monday in the Driskill hotel at Austin, and brutally assaulted Tom B. Love of Dallas, a pro, who had knocked the wind and water out of Jacob's statements to the investigating committee. The people of Texas who know the men, will stand by Love. Driven to cover, Wolters shows himself in his true character of a bully and street fighter.

While the investigating committee is staging interesting stunts in Austin, the school board and city council of Decatur are arraying for some fun.

If it is unlawful for the city council to invest in improving the city school building, the same law will prevent an investment in waterworks plants.

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as possible

A Big Beauty Contest

Will Edwards of the Record and Chronicle and Bob Ransone of the Cleburne Enterprise have gone to war, the momentous issue being which editor is the best looking. In the controversy now on between these two homely newspaper men some evidence is being brought to light that is calculated to make men like our friend Procter of the Bridgeport Index take to the tall and uncultured and sever all connecting lines with newspaper work.—Messenger.

Why should Ransone and Edwards go to war over their good looks? Neither of them has enough of that sort of thing to justify the enormous cost of a single battle. They ought to compromise their differences, Edwards admitting that Ransone has the most waistband and Ransone confessing that Edwards wears the prettiest ankles.—Dallas News.

How Ransone feels about it we don't know. But if admitting that he has the largest waist-line is of any benefit, here goes for the admit. All this uproar started because this editor said, in a moment of frankness, that Ransone looked younger with his hat on than with it off. And, although the heavens fall and Editors Collins and Smith are ferriest us, we stand pat on that assertion. We're not seeking any beauty contest or any notoriety by reason of any personal pulchritude, but all who have ever seen Editor Collins au naturel or Editor Smith in a bathing suit will understand our resentment at being accused of homely by such as they.—Denton Record and Chronicle.

Dick Collins, of the Wise County Messenger, thinks because he married a good looking Cleburne girl he is a better looking man than Will Edwards of the Denton Chronicle or the editor of the Enterprise. He goes so far as to insinuate that Orion Procter of the Bridgeport Index is a side show when it comes to good looks. If it wasn't for the respect that we have for Mrs. Collins we would describe Dick's homeliness to the public, but as he has been married but a short while, we will let his wife still enjoy the sweet dreams of her happy honeymoon. These blissful days should not be marred by a single hint of ugliness. But if Collins wants to enter the beauty show at the Dallas Fair in competition with Will Edwards and myself, he is cordially invited to come along. But if he doesn't want his wife humiliated when the result is announced he had better leave her at home, or bring her to Cleburne to visit her brother, T. C. Cobb.—Cleburne Enterprise.

As we stated the other day, there's no personal ambition on this editor's part regarding this beauty—save the mark—contest, and if Editor Collins wants in, we'll be glad to get out of his way and let him show against Ransone alone.—Denton Chronicle.

The Houston Post and Ft. Worth Record are hopping mad because the Austin committee has not inquired into the campaign deals of other newspapers of the state. Perhaps the committee has reasons to believe that the Post and Record are the only dailies in the state that the finger of suspicion is attracting attention. But why grow hot around the collar and say unladylike things about the committee, can't these papers play safe by handling the "Bailey issue" if public sentiment grows too strong against them?

THE TYPHOID FLY

The fly question is serious. The number of bacteria on a single fly may range all the way from 500 to 6,000,000. If one female housefly should survive the winter and on April 15 lay only one batch of 120 eggs, the number of flies born in the succeeding generations would be in five months over 5,500,000,000,000, and every one of those 5,500,000,000,000 flies may be a carrier of typhoid fever germs, consumption germs, germs which produce dysentery, and diarrhea, and other infectious diseases.

The common house fly is without doubt the greatest pest of civilized lands, and one of the most prolific causes of disease. The fly is a scavenger and feeds upon the same sort of material that attracts germs. The filthy sputum of the consumptive is a dainty morsel for flies and attracts them in great numbers. They swallow the bacteria and afterward discharge them. A fly-speck, the fecal deposit of a fly, may contain hundreds of these deadly parasites. We must fight the fly as we have fought the mosquito, and must as far as possible eliminate him from the haunts of civilized man. To accomplish this it is only necessary to suppress their breeding places and to avoid leaving about material calculated to serve as food for them. Above all things, it is necessary to take care that flies never come in contact with the substances which are to be taken in the form of food or drink.

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Husband—Well, you used me very badly, but let it go. Yes.

Wife—How I thank you for taking me back! And now you're coming straight home with me! What business have you sitting here till 11 at night?—Filegunde Blatter.

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NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

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No. 3—9:25 a. m.
No. 1—11:18 a. m.
No. 5—8:32 p. m.
No. 7—11:55 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND

No. 8—5:18 a. m.
No. 6—6:18 a. m.
No. 2—4:28 p. m.
No. 4—3:15 p. m.

News of Town and County

"Superior" and "Albatross" flour Frank Ford was in Slidell Monday. Public school opens Monday, Sept. 11.

D. Caddell is on a trip to South Texas.

Roy Gibbon was here this week from Bowie.

Go to the Majestic tonight.

Money to loan on land. J. E. Boyd & Son.

Gene Wages was here from Dallas Sunday.

Cody Milligan was in Whitewright Tuesday.

Sheriff Faith was in Chico Wednesday.

Miss Ada Cates is on a visit to Austin.

W. A. Woody was here from Justin Tuesday.

Omar Cartwright was in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Pure hog lard at Plaxco Bros' meat market.

E. O. Lively was here from Greenwood Tuesday.

Miss Mildred Lynch is visiting relatives in Krum.

Floyd Helm and wife have returned from Gainesville.

Joe Rogers is spending a vacation in Mineral Wells.

Prof E. O. Clark, of Smitherfield, was here Tuesday.

W. L. Dallas will save you money on your supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dyer are visiting in Oklahoma.

Ellis Plaxco is building a residence just north of town.

Mayor H. L. Ward left Wednesday for a trip to Uvalde.

Miss Ruth Wilson was here from Greenwood Monday.

Sam Mann spent the past week in Mansfield and Dallas.

If you want pure hog lard, go to the New Meat Market.

Lizzy Sullivan of Baird, is the guest of his parents here.

Attend the Majestic to-night, good pictures and good music.

Miss Blanche Neel of Boyd, visited friends here this week.

Will Gresham was here this week from Boonesville, Miss.

Joe Christal, of Guthrie, visited homefolks here this week.

Mrs. Grady Hayter and baby left Wednesday for Amarillo.

Charles and George Workman were back county this week.

P. Ross of Hearne, was the guest relatives here this week.

Rev. A. B. Miller was here this week enroute to Knox county.

Mrs. John Cates has returned from a visit to relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. Zack Sharp of Greenwood, visited relatives here this week.

Be sure and come to the Majestic to-night. Extra good pictures.

Dr. J. A. Embry and John Lillard were in Bridgeport Wednesday.

Mrs. J. L. McDowell visited relatives in Fort Worth this week.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Tyson on Saturday, Aug. 19, a girl.

Mrs. S. L. Coburn has returned from a visit to relatives in Boyd.

N. Swinney of Cornhill, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. H. F. Boyd.

Mrs. Tom Prunty and family were here from Denton county Tuesday.

John Holmes left with his family Tuesday for his new home at Menard.

Jim Boss and family left Tuesday for their future home in Ellis county.

Miss Byrd Rosser left Tuesday for visit to relatives near Whitewright.

Frank Timberlake was registered at the Jefferson in St. Louis Wednesday.

You can get the pure hog lard in any quantity at the New meat market.

Mrs. Maggie Gershenson Lane of Dallas, visited relatives here the past week.

W. E. Terrell is in St. Louis purchasing goods for the Mississippi store.

Guinn Williams and D. J. Moss were in the Chico country first of the week.

Madames S. P. Nash and Zack Sharp are on a visit to relatives in Arson.

A ground-soaking rain of two inches fell over Wise Wednesday night.

J. D. Morelock of Bradley county, Tenn., was visiting Will Helm this week.

Mrs. J. T. Gardenhire, of Boyd, visited relatives here Sunday and Monday.

C. A. Saunders and wife are visiting relatives in Young and Clay counties.

The missionary society held a social meeting with Mrs. Will Helm Monday afternoon.

Guinn Williams and Frank Ford left Wednesday for a trip to Dayton, N. M.

Perry Hogg, who is traveling in Nebraska, visited his parents here this week.

Jas. W. Smith has purchased the residence of Rev. E. B. Moore in South Decatur.

Mrs. J. C. Freeman of San Antonio, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Perrin.

County Attorney Ratliff and Cicero Gettys were in Cottondale Friday attending justice court.

Sam Ramsdale, who was operated on for appendicitis at Fort Worth last week, is doing nicely.

Sam Bellah and Lee Wade are in St. Louis buying fall goods for the Store for All the People.

Rev. F. A. Rosser is this week assisting Rev. J. R. Wages in a protracted meeting in Bellvue.

Mrs. M. E. Blewett, of the New South community, fell last Saturday and suffered a dislocated arm.

If you need a suit you will make a mistake in buying before you see the fine lot at St. Clair's place.

Peninger, Helm & Dillehay have opened a handsome furniture store in the building vacated by C. B. Gunn.

We would like to call your attention to some special bargains in granite-ware. See our windows. J. N. Crabtree & Co.

Miss Jewell May Bratcher has returned to her home in Ft. Worth after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Ira Nash.

Leave your laundry with us; city laundry called for and delivered. Basket leaves Tuesdays. Phone 137. Dickson & Smith.

Mrs. Charles Dowdy of Cleburne, returned to her home Wednesday after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Newton Crabtree.

A fine shipment of suits and trousers received at St. Clair's. Call and save from \$5.00 to \$15.00 on a suit.

G. L. Plaxco and wife of Ft. Worth, and J. E. Hill and family of Livingston, attended the Carswell-Standley wedding here yesterday.

Rev. M. L. McDowell of Gatesville arrived here Tuesday, and is assisting in the protracted meeting at New South Baptist church.

R. V. Holland, representing the Texas Farm & Ranch, Dallas, was in the city Monday on business for that great farm journal.

On account of the extreme hot weather the opening of the public school has been postponed till Sept. 11.

Alta Vista ice cream with strawberry, pineapple and cherry fruits, nuts and chocolate every day at the City Bakery.

Mrs. Sarah Greer, after a month's visit to her son, Tom, and family, has returned to her home at Mesquite, being accompanied by Miss DeAliva Greer.

After two months vacation, Albert Devereux has returned to work for the United States Express Co. in Fort Worth. Hank has been promoted in the service.

Ed Mecaskey was taken to Fort Worth last week and was on Friday operated on for appendicitis. The operation proved successful, and Ed is now fast improving.

A men's union prayermeeting will be held next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the courthouse. The meeting at the tabernacle last Sunday was well attended.

The county board of education was in session here Monday and Tuesday. The following members of the board were present: J. E. Neel of Boyd; H. F. Hawkins of Chico; D. B. Gilliland and D. J. Simpson, Decatur.

A young but efficient violinist, with a good orchestra, would like to play for entertainments, lodges, etc. Would take a few violin pupils. Address Geo. Winopal Lynn, P. O. Box 414, Decatur.

Miss Frances Collins was hostess to the WeDeive club Tuesday afternoon. Most all the club members were present and several visitors.

Mrs. J. P. Williams will entertain the club Tuesday, complimentary to her sister.

Glenn Russell went to Fort Worth Tuesday where that night he underwent a successful operation for appendicitis. At last reports Glenn was getting along nicely. He was accompanied to Fort Worth by Sam McMillan and Clyde McMurray.

Marriage licenses: V. T. Arrington to Bessie Harris; Ben Hobson to Florence Garrison; Ota Lang to Audrey Brooks; A. Y. Lyles to Maud Lishy; Fred Earley to Queen Perrson; A. B. Witt to Mrs. L. T. Whitlock.

For the finest bread made use Superior and Albatross flour at W. L. Dallas.

Grandma Prescott, living north of Greenwood, celebrated her 100th birthday Wednesday. Her neighbors gathered at her home, bringing well filled baskets and a very pleasant time is reported by those attending the birthday party of this good old lady.

Arthur Madden, a driller employed in the Electric field by the Clayco Company was painfully injured this week when a long section of pipe which was being put in a well was set upon one of his feet, mashing several of his toes. The injured man was placed in the Wichita Falls Sanitarium.

The residence of W. J. Shultz in the New South community burned Tuesday afternoon. The entire loss of residence and household goods amounted to over \$1500. Very little of the household goods were saved. The family was away from the house when the fire was discovered. The origin of the fire is not known.

On last Sunday at Manitou, Okla., Mr. Albert Hutchinson and Miss Rebecca Vaughan, of that city, were united in marriage. The happy couple came to Decatur this week on a visit to Mr. Hutchinson's parents. Albert has many friends here who join the Messenger in congratulations.

Miss Lela Belle Devereux will assume her duties as teacher in the Alvord school at the opening of that popular educational institution 5th inst. Miss Devereux is one of the best equipped instructors in the county and in securing her services the Alvord patrons are to be congratulated.

While driving down North Trinity street Wednesday night during the electrical storm, the horse driven by Herbert Heathington became frightened by a flash of electricity and ran away, the buggy striking a telephone pole, throwing Heathington out of the buggy. He was unconscious for some time and was painfully bruised. It is feared his right hip is fractured.

V. C. W. Stone and Miss Leonard, both from the Alvord-Black Creek community, were married by Justice Greer Wednesday afternoon on the south side of the courthouse while seated in a buggy. Quite a crowd of our citizens gathered around the buggy while the ceremony was being performed, and all wished the couple a happy married life.

J. R. Newcomb, better known to the Decatur people as "Baldy," shot a man in Fort Worth Friday. The trouble arose over the strike of the electrical workers in that city, Newcomb remaining with the company while the man, Haney, went out with the strikers. Haney abused "Baldy" and threatened to strike him when he was shot. Newcomb was placed under bond and Haney is recovering from the injury.

Mr. Oscar St. Clair, formerly of this city, and Miss Lula Mann of Mineral Wells, were married in Fort Worth last Sunday. The bride is a popular and charming young lady, and was a student in Decatur last session. The groom is the son of Commissioner T. L. St. Clair, and is a deserving and successful young business man. Both young people have many friends here. They will reside in Mineral Wells. Messenger extends congratulations.

Word was received here Tuesday that Sid Boothe, an old Decatur boy, had died Saturday at Topeka, Kan., as the result of cancer of the stomach. Sid had many friends here, his native town, who will be sorry to hear of his death. He was the son of the late Col. J. W. Boothe, in his day one of the most prominent and influential men in the state. The burial took place at Topeka. The deceased's brother, Jim, lives in the Valley View community.

The long distance service of the Southwestern Telephone company here has recently been greatly improved by the addition of a new circuit line to Ft. Worth. The company now has from Decatur four lines to Ft. Worth, two lines to Bowie, two lines to Alvord, one line to Rhame. A new rural line has just been brought into this exchange from the Oliver Creek community. Manager Boyd reports the Decatur exchange growing rapidly.

Uncle Billy King on last Tuesday celebrated his 84th birthday. Uncle Billy does not show his age, for he is still active, and says he feels hale and hearty as a boy. He has been in Texas since 1849, and residing in Wise county for the past 51 years. He is truly a pioneer of this great state and county, and has seen this country develop from a wild frontier to the present advanced state of civilization. Messenger congratulates this old pioneer on attaining this ripe old age, and hopes for him many more years of existence.

I have moved my drug store to the Saunders building on the northeast corner of the square, where I will be pleased to meet all my old customers and many new ones. My stock is in better condition than ever, and I am prepared to satisfy your every want in drugs, books, magazines, cold drinks and pure home-made ice cream. Call at our new store. C. B. Gunn, the Corner Drug Store.

W. L. Dallas has installed a machine in his grocery store that is calculated to do away with errors in accounts and annoyance in looking up and checking monthly bills. The machine keeps a correct count of your purchase, issuing triplicate statements with each purchase, which bring forward your entire indebtedness every time you make an account. The purchaser gets one copy of the statement,

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one is kept by the salesman and the remaining one is left in the machine, and all must correspond with your statement when you settle with your account. It is a great improvement and is being used by the stores in the cities with entire satisfaction.

Can lumber be purchased cheaper in Bridgeport than in Decatur? We think not, and the man in this community who goes to the trouble of hauling lumber from the Coal Town is a loser. But, if we are mistaken in our statement that the lumber is as cheap in this town, then no criticism can be offered the man who goes there to get his supplies. True, there is no competition in Decatur, but surely that fact will not be the cause of our own people going away in order to get better prices? The yards at Bridgeport and Chico keep their wares before the reading public—probably that is one reason they boast of getting trade in this territory.

One of the old timers made a remark to us the other day that has put us to thinking of school days of the long ago. The fellow who plied the question was a schoolmate of the writer in the days when the school trustees were as punctual about visiting the school on Monday mornings as the janitor was to ring the bell. This "old timer" asked, "where are the teachers of our school days? Where are the Misses Alize Baumgaertners, Lizzie Crouches, Hattie Battles, Fannie Hatches, Lizzie May Sowards, Purdys, Fannie Lemans, and the Walpols, Starnes, Alexanders, Williams, Pitmaps?" They were our teachers in the days when the Decatur public school was the pride of our people, when the trustees and patrons gave encouragement to the teachers in instructing the young idea in marksmanship. Factional differences were unheard of in those days—between the city government and the school board—all stood for the biggest and best interests of the educational institution.

You cannot keep up with the times without reading The Messenger.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Five Cents per line per week

FOR SALE—set blacksmith tools. T. L. McConnell at Vastine's shop. 7

FOR SALE—50-acre farm of first-class sandy land at Muse, 5 miles below Decatur. Jas. W. Smith, Route 1, Decatur.

FOR SALE—Or to exchange for a small truck farm; a 6 room house and 5 lots southwest of the Decatur courthouse, 7 blocks. Good rental property and an ideal location. What have you to exchange. Address P. O. Box 414, Decatur.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—153 acres black prairie land, 4 miles south of Decatur; 110 acres in cultivation, 4 room house, barn, good well water, windmill; \$30 per acre if taken in next thirty days.

WANTED—Ladies and girls to label cans. Apply at once National Food Co., O. H. Payne, manager, Decatur.

FOR SALE—40 a sandy land 1 1/2 mi west of Decatur no Johnson grass, good well of water, 5 room house, young orchard, price \$750.00. See D. A. Hogue, owner. (4 wks pd)

FOR SALE—good 6-room house on W. Main street, 3 blocks from sq are; good cistern, storm cellar, garden spot; two large lots in addition to residence lot; house piped for natural gas. Will sell at a bargain if bought now. Gordon Roushaw, at Cash Grocery.

LOST—One registered Durham short-horn bull about two and one-half years old. Reward for return to Mrs. Henry Greathouse, Decatur, Texas.

FOR next 60 days I will sell windmills at absolute wholesale cost. I will surprise you. J. Chas. Davis.

RAG CARPET—I have 30-yards new rag carpet which I will sell for 40c per yard. Miss Mattie Smith, Independent, Phone.

TIMELY BREVITIES

Uncle Sam has 51,000 sawmills.
Tasmania has a population of 200,000.

To practice hypnotism is illegal in Belgium.

Nova Scotia has one bank to every 4,000 inhabitants.

A combination crowbar and truck has been invented for moving heavy articles.

The president of Argentina travels in a private car equipped with three bedrooms and baths.

In India the mean duration of life is only twenty-three years. In England it is forty-one years.

Including uniform, the wardrobe of the German emperor is said to be valued at about \$500,000.

Manhattan Island is increasing in population at the rate of 2,000 persons to the square mile each year.

To keep a diner's fingers clean there has been invented a silver clip to hold and squeeze a slice of lemon.

As part of his scheme for reforming convicts the governor of a Swiss prison has introduced chocolate and music.

If the land in England and Wales were equally divided there would only be a little over one acre for each person.

The druggists' assistants of France have formed a union, and are demanding the closing of pharmacies at 9 o'clock.

In the new liner Olympic there are twenty-nine boilers, each measuring twenty feet long and fifteen feet nine inches in diameter.

Coal is handled on the Great Lakes in large bulk, more than 13,500,000 tons having passed through the Soo canal the past year.

A workman named Celestin Leroy, aged fifty, died in Paris the other day while trying for a wager to eat a large beefsteak at one mouthful.

Weighing 700 pounds, or nearly a third of a ton, the largest halibut on record was recently landed by a Hull trawler at Billingsgate market.

In 1904 there were only two motor cabs in London. By 1909 they had grown to 3,956, and at the end of March, this year, the number was 7,165.

Great Britain and Ireland now have a total population of 45,216,665, excluding 148,934 inhabitants of the Isle of Man, Jersey, Guernsey and other islands.

Forty-six dollars for a cord of wood seems a high price, but that is what New Yorkers pay for it when they buy the usual packages at three for 10 cents.

New York city has had many national distinctions, but with all of the representatives that it has had in congress in the last 120 years it has never had a speaker of the house.

The mint in New Orleans is now a thing of the past, and the old building in future will be utilized as a government assay office, principally for the handling of bullion from Nicaragua and other Central American countries.

The five large islands of Hawaii have telephone systems. Rates are about the same as in the United States proper. The postoffices number ninety-three. Postal receipts last year amounted to \$173,249, and expenses were \$209,611.

A New York jury has awarded to a model in a cloak house \$3,480 because, owing to her prepossessing figure, she was instrumental in selling \$132,000 worth of goods in one year. When the firm tried to settle with her for a few hundred dollars she brought suit.

The latest type of scout cruiser of the British navy, the Dartmouth, is of 5,250 tons, carries eight six-inch guns and will probably have a speed of twenty-six to twenty-seven knots. The scouts, like every other type of warship, are increasing rapidly in size.

Though Director Joseph E. Ralph of the bureau of engraving and printing handles an average of 42,000,000 postage stamps daily, he has never lost or misplaced one. Director Ralph turned out for the last fiscal year approximately 11,100,000,000 postage stamps.

A Japanese newspaper man told an American traveler that his expense while at the Imperial university had been \$3 a month. His food, room and light cost \$1.20 a month, the tuition was 50 cents, paper and books cost 30 cents, and he had \$1 left for spending money.

James Jennings, a merry-go-round proprietor of Trowbridge, England, has been collecting horseshoes in his spare time for the past two years, and he now has a pile of them about seventeen feet high and ten feet through. The pile weighs about 150 tons and is worth about \$2,000.

At Niagara Falls graphite is now made artificially by electric power, several thousand tons being produced there last year. Anthracite coal that carries a small amount of finely distributed ash is used in making the ordinary grades. The better grades are made from petroleum coke.

At a recent meeting of the council of the London chamber of commerce

Lord Archibury moved "that, in the opinion of this chamber, private property at sea should be declared free of capture and seizure." The motion was carefully discussed and then adopted by a unanimous vote.

A pronounced cry is going up that there are too many doctors in this country, at least for their own good. We enjoy one doctor to every 830 people in this country, the figures show, while Britons have to get along with one to every 1,250, and the French manage to live with only one to every 2,400.

FOR THE CHILDREN

What Mother Said.

I know a little girl of nine,
(I wonder if you've met her!)
I think if you should see her once
You never would forget her.
She's such a fussy little girl;
There is so much to fret her.
It is so very hard to learn
The tasks her teachers set her.
She wants to do so many things
Her mother doesn't let her.
But, then, when she is ten years old
Perhaps she may do better.
I'm sure she will not like to think
When she's a little older
How very, very many times
Her mother had to scold her.
If she would think about it now
Perhaps it might withhold her
From yielding to the fretfulness
That has so long controlled her.
—Youth's Companion.

A Game of Words.

Three lives is a word game played by any number of persons. The first player thinks of a word and gives its first letter. The second thinks of one beginning with that letter and gives the second letter. The third thinks of one beginning with these two letters and gives the third. This goes on till some one is unable to think of a word beginning with all the letters given or till some one's letter finishes a word of four or more letters. In either of these cases the player is said to "lose a life," and the one next in order begins a new word. When any one has lost three lives he drops out of the game, and the victor is he who remains in at the last. Thus suppose the first player thinks of "house" and says "H." The second thinks of "happy" and says "A." The third thinks of "harness" and says "R." The fourth thinks of "harpy," but cannot say "P," because that completes the word "harp," so he thinks of "Harlem" and says "L." The fifth is unable to think of any word beginning with "harl," and so loses a life. When only two or three are left in the game it becomes more exciting, each one trying to give the word such a turn that the next will either not be able to go on with it or will be forced to complete it. When a player cannot go on and has thus lost a life he may require from any one before him to tell what his word was; otherwise a player might merely add a letter without thinking of any word at all.

Names of Famous Men.

D'Aubigne, the French historian author of "History of the Reformation," died in 1872, aged seventy-eight years. His name is pronounced Do-bean-ya, last syllable accented.

Meissonier, the celebrated French painter, died in 1891, aged seventy-eight years. His name is pronounced May-son-ya, first syllable accented.

Boulanger, French general, died in 1891, aged fifty-four years. His name is pronounced Boo-long-zha, last syllable accented.

Desmoulines, French revolutionist, died in 1794, aged thirty-four years. His name is pronounced Da-mou-lan, last syllable accented.

Michelangelo, Italian painter and sculptor, died in 1562, aged eighty-eight years. The Italian pronunciation of the name is now given the preference, Mick-el-on-jel-o. The "i" has the sound of "i" in pickle, third syllable accented.

A Running Maze.

The players should form in a long line, one behind the other. The leader starts running and is followed by all the rest. They must be sharp enough to do exactly as the leader does. After running for a moment or two in the ordinary step the leader changes to a hopping step, then to a marching step, quick time, then to a marching step, slow time, claps, runs with hand on sides or shoulders or any other manner which may occur to him.

Finally the leader runs slowly round and round into the center and can either wind the line up tightly or can turn it on nearing the center and run out again. This is a nice game for an outdoor party.

Origin of Sirloin.

The word sirloin came from the French "surlain," which means "beside the loin." The spelling was changed to sirloin as the result of a joke on the part of James I. of England.

One evening he was feasting after a long day's hunt, when a sirloin of beef was placed before him. It was so delicious that, laying his sword across it, he knighted it, saying, "Not surlain, but Sir Loin!"

Always from that time this cut of meat has been known by its noble name of sirloin.

Things to Know.

It takes about three seconds for a message to go from one end of the Atlantic cable to the other.

While an artesian well was being sunk at the Savoy hotel, London, two fossilized oysters were discovered at a depth of 176 feet.

For over 2,000 years the fashions for women in Japan remained unaltered. European costumes, however, have now been introduced, and their vogue is rapidly extending.

The Hermit Crab.

The hermit crab likes to live in a little pool left by the tide on a rocky or shelving shore. With the slightest alarm the little creature retires into the shell and guards the opening of it with one claw, which is much larger than the other, the hard points of the feet also projecting a little. This crab can hold on to its shell so firmly that, though it may be pulled to pieces, it cannot be pulled out.

THE HOLY LAND.

A French View of the Germanization of the Historic Region.

Tourists who visit the Holy Land note the progress of its Germanization. On the road to Nazareth most of the inns are kept by Germans. Nearly all the streets of Jaffa have the aspect of the Prussian village. The houses have red roofs and are surrounded by the little garden so dear to Gretchen. Traces of the Teuton are everywhere. The Syrian has been supplanted by the Berliner, who has migrated from the banks of the Spree to the borders of the Jordan in order to make his fortune. German is spoken everywhere.

The American consul himself is a German. Souvenirs of the kaiser abound everywhere. Here one shows a fountain that he erected to furnish water to the pilgrims dying of thirst; there is a road that he leveled to lighten the fatigue of the journey. Enthusiastic guides show on the Mount of the Ascension, besides an imprint attributed to the Christ or to Mohammed, according to one's faith, a human foot, well marked in the rock, of which he will confidentially murmur in the ear of the tourist, "William II. stepped there." In a hundred years perhaps this will solidify into the legend of William II.—Crie de Paris.

Device For Stringing Beads.

The fancy bead industry is a foreign one, and, although the beads are consumed in this country, nearly if not quite all are imported from France, Germany and Italy. Until a short time ago the stringing of these beads was done by hand, and the task a rather irksome one because of the difficulty in handling these tiny pieces. A Frenchman has recently invented a very simple device for this purpose, and the work is now done with great rapidity. A quantity of beads is placed in a cup on a revolving stand, driven either by hand or motor, and when this is put into motion the point of a needle on which a thread has been placed is put into the cup, and the force of gravity makes the little beads move along the needle and are then passed on to the string.—New York Press.

Official Etiquette in France.

The wives of French cabinet ministers share to some extent their husbands' dignities, the deference due to them being expounded in the protocol. Should a minister's wife enter a drawing room where any deputies or senators' wives are present these are supposed to rise and remain standing until the new arrival is seated. Ministers' wives have to show a like homage to the wife of the prime minister. And Mme. Caillaux herself is supposed to rise in honor of the wife of the president of the chamber of deputies, for with her, according to the protocol, "c'est la representation nationale qui entre, le suffrage universel la France."—London Chronicle.

The Mikado's Poetry.

The chief of the bureau of poetry in the department of the imperial household of Japan has supplied to the world an English translation of the quatrain which the mikado wrote in honor of the coronation of his ally, King George of England. It reads as follows:

When nation speaks to nations in the tones
Of friendly greeting 'tis a joy to hear.
When nations dwell in peace beneath the sway
Of wise, good rulers 'tis a joy to see.

Paris Condemns Frock Coats.

By the municipal art authorities of Paris it has been decreed that there shall not be erected in that city any more statues of men in frock coats or in even coats. In Rome a number of sculptors have declared against statues wearing trousers. There is an agitation in both these art centers for the adoption by men of form of dress that will be comfortable to wear and artistic to look at either in real life or in marble.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report.

Quarterly report of R. D. SMITH, County Treasurer of Wise county, Texas, of receipts and expenditures from May 11, 1911, to Aug. 16, 1911, inclusive:

JURY FUND—1st Class.

Balance last quarter.....	\$4625 60	
To amount received during quarter.....	154 54	
By amount paid out during quarter.....		668 50
Balance on commissions.....		61 20
Amount to balance.....		4050 44
	\$4780 14	\$4780 14

To balance.....\$4050 44

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND—2d Class.

Balance last quarter.....	\$16,722 90	
To amount received during quarter.....	\$ 411 96	
By amount paid out during quarter.....		7,641 30
Amount to balance.....		9,493 56
	\$ 17,134 86	\$17,134 86

Balance.....\$ 9,493 56

GENERAL COUNTY FUND—3d Class.

Balance last quarter.....	\$ 10,243 88	
To amount received during quarter.....	222 32	
By amount paid out during quarter.....		\$ 4,534 15
Amount to balance.....		5,932 05
	\$ 10,466 20	\$ 10,466 20

To balance.....\$ 5,932 05

SINKING FUND—4th Class.

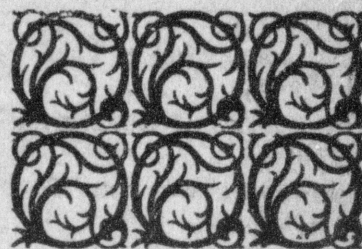
Balance last quarter.....	\$ 1,942 65	
To amount received during quarter.....	32 41	
Amount to balance.....		1,975 06
	\$1,975 06	\$1,975 06

To balance.....\$ 1,975 06

T. L. ST. CLAIR, Com. Prec. 1	E. M. ALLISON, County Judge.
W. J. MANN, Com. Prec. 3	B. M. DOWNING, Com. Prec. 2
Respectfully submitted,	A. J. ALLEN, Com. Prec. 4
	R. D. SMITH, County Treasurer of Wise County, Texas.
	Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18th day of Aug, 1911.
	J. P. WILLIAMS, County Clerk

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LIME ON THE FARM.

Best Way to Test It is to Try It on Small Patch.

Lime seems to be needed on parts of most farms. It corrects sourness, mellow heavy soils, helps light soils to retain moisture, favors the growth of clover and alfalfa and checks the increase of some plant diseases. The most certain way, according to Professor Brooks of the Massachusetts experiment station, to find out whether lime will help the soil is to try it on a small plot in a field to be tested. Apply twenty pounds of fresh selected lime to two square rods.

Beets are a good test crop, as they grow better upon a limed plot if the soil needed lime. An average of about one ton of lime to an acre will usually be enough. It can be used at any season when the land is not occupied by crops and when it can be plowed. It may be planted broadcast and worked into the soil with a harrow.

Professor Brooks has been looking up various sources of lime in New England markets, and he finds that it varies considerably in cost and desirability. Quicklime is really the cheapest form, because when buying it the purchaser does not have to pay for water that is taken up when slaking lime.

One hundred pounds of quicklime contains as much essential lime as 132 pounds of slaked lime, thirty-two pounds being moisture from the air, and it contains as much as 178 pounds of raw limestone.

Lime can be slaked in small heaps by applying just water enough to wet the lumps, using about two pailfuls of water to 100 pounds of lime. After a few days it will have crumbled to a powder. Most farmers slake the lime before applying, as the unslaked lime is very disagreeable to use, even with a manure spreader protected with burlap.

Finely ground limestone or marl works well on light soils, but ground limestone costs more for the results obtained as compared with quicklime. Sometimes refuse lime from tanneries is a very cheap source of lime, and it can usually be had for the hauling.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES.

They Will Open the Campaign in Five States Next Spring.

In five states next spring there will be held presidential primary elections to choose delegates to the Republican and Democratic national conventions and to declare the preferences of the voters of both parties for candidates for the presidency. These presidential primaries will be the first ever held in the United States, and the delegates to the national convention selected under them will be the first so chosen. The presidential primary idea had its origin in Oregon, but has been adopted in North Dakota, Wisconsin, Nebraska and New Jersey, all of which have presidential primary laws based on the Oregon law.

North Dakota will be the first state next spring to have a popular vote on candidates for president and vice president. Dates for the primary elections in the states that have adopted the so called presidential preference law are as follows: North Dakota, March 19; Wisconsin, April 2; Nebraska, April 17; Oregon, April 19; New Jersey, May 28.

If the expected interest attaches to these presidential primaries next year's political campaign will begin in March, before the North Dakota primaries, and will continue without cessation through April and May, while Wisconsin, Nebraska, Oregon and New Jersey are naming their choice of candidates. Of course the campaign will be in full blast in June all over the country. The Republican national convention will be held during that month.—Washington Cor. New York Evening Post.

The Unicorn.

Chinese annals of great antiquity contain numerous detailed accounts of the supposedly fabulous unicorn, in which the descriptions are identical with those handed down from the earliest times in the mythology or occult countries. From this it is inferred that at some time in the remote past there actually did exist a single horned equine or cervine animal of some sort.

THE LUCK OF SANDY BANCROFT

How a Foraging Soldier Won His Promotion.

Sandy Bancroft, a private in the United States forces in the province of Santiago in 1898, was hungry. Rations had not been forthcoming for several days, and the boys' stomachs instead of being a healthy convex began to be a sickly concave.

"I'm going foraging," said Sandy. "Better not," said his comrades. "You'll fall into the hands of the da-goes, and if you don't you'll get into trouble for leaving your post."

Sandy preferred to take both risks to enduring the pangs of hunger. The officer of the picket was worn out and sound asleep, so he need not know of Sandy's absence, and if he did he would not dare report him since he was himself liable to be shot for sleeping on post. Slinging his Krag-Jorgensen over his shoulder, Sandy buckled his revolver to his hip and started forth. Seeing a house in the distance, he made for it and on reaching it knocked at the door. A black-eyed Spanish girl opened it.

"Could you give me a bite?" asked the soldier, lifting his hat politely.

The girl shook her head, indicating that she did not understand English, whereupon Sandy made pantomime motions descriptive of shoveling in food. The girl led the way into the dining room and placed on the table the remains of last night's supper. Sandy exercised great ingenuity in pantomiming his gratitude, then sat down and fell to. Meanwhile the girl left the room. After the soldier had eaten his fill he stuffed his pockets for his comrades, then arose from the table and, taking his gun, was about to depart when the girl came in, apparently in great excitement, and, pantomiming in her turn, gave him to understand that the Spaniards were coming. Opening a trapdoor, she pointed to a staircase leading to the cellar. Sandy descended, and the door was closed. Then he heard the sound of heavy furniture being moved on to the trap, and it began to dawn upon him that he was a prisoner.

Having got in, the first thing he did was to look about him to discover how he could get out. There was but one little square window, near the ceiling, which was covered with an iron grating; consequently Sandy was as safe as a rat in a trap. He had not been there long before the girl, accompanied by a Spanish officer, appeared at the window. Sandy seized his rifle, but the two speedily betook themselves out of range. He could hear them chattering and made out from one or two words he understood that one of them—the officer, he supposed—would go for a guard to remove him. Then he heard footsteps in the room above, after which all was quiet.

Sandy gave himself up as captured for a time, then resumed his interrupted reconnoitering for a means of escape. A chimney was built from the cellar, where it was of stone, with no opening, but the house was very old, and the stones had been loosely put together. Sandy tugged at one of them and succeeded in removing it. This loosened two or three more, and he put his head and shoulders through. The chimney was large enough for him to pass through it, and he determined to climb up. Leaving his rifle, relying solely on his revolver, he got through the aperture and, using back and knees, shinned up to the floor above, where he encountered a broad, flat hearthstone. Sandy was pretty strong and succeeded in lifting it a few inches. Through the crack he saw the Spanish officer sitting with his arms and head on a table, asleep.

Sandy's movements from this point were conducted with the utmost care. Bracing himself, he gave the stone another lift and, drawing his revolver, put it lengthwise between one end and the floor. This was a critical moment. If the officer awakened Sandy was lost.

At this moment a loose stone became detached and dropped to the cellar, making a great noise. The officer raised his head, and great was his astonishment at seeing Sandy sitting in the fireplace. For a moment he seemed paralyzed. Then, drawing a pistol, he was about to fire when his arm fell limp and his pistol dropped on the floor. Sandy had winged him.

"Hands up! 'Bout face! March!" cried Sandy, but as the officer did not understand English his captor was obliged to resort to pantomime again, which the officer, with a revolver pointed at him, was not slow in understanding. Sandy marched his captive out of the house and toward the American lines. When he got within hailing distance of the picket a bullet sang by his ear from the rear, and, turning, he saw a dozen Spaniards, led by the girl who had trapped him, standing at a rise in the ground, gesticulating. At the same moment the picket advanced to Sandy's rescue.

Captain Murphy of the picket post had finished a two hours' nap and was rubbing his eyes when he heard the firing. Starting up, he saw Sandy Bancroft coming in with his prisoner. "What were you doing outside the line?" demanded the captain sternly. "Reconnoitering," said Sandy.

The officer thought of his nap on post and concluded to compromise for silence with Sandy and the men who were munching the food Sandy had brought for them.

"You are a brave man," he said. "I shall recommend you for promotion."

THE DETROTHAL—AFTERWARD

Bring down the old cigar box, not for a Cuba rare. But since to remember Maggie I keep all her letters there.

Letters that say she loved me, postscripts that never fall To limit my joy in smoking and ask me if I inhale.

Then came the ultimatum—she's to have no smoke in her frocks. So I wrote her a sweet dismissal and ordered another box.

"A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke," I wrote, and the fates were laughing at thought of their little joke.

For I had been priest of Partagas a matter of seven year. And now I am out of the priesthood and only a simple peer.

'Twas scarcely a short month after the doctors bade me to cease, And Maggie has wed another, and I am the Duke of Geese.

So take up the old cigar box and put it back on the shelf. For women have changed their manners, and Maggie now smokes herself. —Harold E. Porter in Life.

Cobb Has Automobile Cinched.

How in the world can that jury give any one else that automobile but Ty Cobb? With the score a tie recently in the ninth inning, Cobb scored from first base on a single. Can you beat that? In addition he got a two bagger and two singles in five times at bat.

Magazine Girls.

All women are lovely and radiantly fair In the magazine pages today. They all have a mop of luxuriant hair In the magazine pages today. There's not one with freckles or noses askew Or teeth that protrude, as some real girls' do. There isn't a blemish on girls that we view In the magazine pages today.

There's not one too pudgy or not one too thin In the magazine pages today. Nor one who's just losing her tortoise shell pin In the magazine pages today. 'Twixt shirt waist and belt there is never a gap Or a tear in the silk that is lining her wrap. And her gloves never lack a pearl button or snap In the magazine pages today.

She doesn't wear pink when she ought to wear blue In the magazine pages today. And she isn't run down at the heel of her shoe In the magazine pages today. You never can see when she hasn't a hat. How much is real hair and how much of it's rat. It's only in life that we see things like that. Not in magazine pages today.

—Edgar A. Guest in Detroit Free Press.

Corroborative Detail.

Boy—Pop, what's an X? Man—It's an unknown quantity, son. Woman—It is in this house.—Baltimore American.

Glove Pointers.

To lengthen the life of silk gloves buy a strip of court plaster of the same color, cut off a piece large enough to line the tip of the finger, moisten, wrap it around your own finger tip, sticky side out, and slip on the glove finger, pressing the court plaster smoothly inside. The tips will never wear out.

For suede or kid gloves, push a tiny bit of cotton (or, if you don't like the "feel," surgical wool) into each finger tip. It will serve the same purpose as the court plaster.

New Jackets.

Some charming little jackets have come in. They are extremely short and are to be worn with little walking frocks. These little jackets have the empire line at the waist, and the penguins come just to the hip line.

The new Pilgrim monument on Cape Cod is 252 feet in height and ranks next to the Washington national monument as the loftiest structure of solid masonry on this continent. For all its location on the sand dunes at one of the most exposed points on the Atlantic coast, it shows no vibration in the strongest gales that sweep over the extremity of Cape Cod.

In an address to the Paris Academy of Sciences Professor Balthazard contends that when a leaden bullet traverses cloth characteristic marks are left upon it, which are not obliterated by the subsequent passage of the bullet through flesh, provided that it does not strike a bone. It is even possible, he claims, to identify the nature of the garment through which the bullet has passed by a careful examination of the marks on the lead.

GIVE YOUR LIVER A FAIR CHANCE

Stop Drugging It with Calomel; Dodson's Liver Tone, a Vegetable Liquid works without Harm

If your liver stops working it is a mistake to try to whip it into action with doses of calomel.

It's so much simpler and safer to cure your liver troubles with the pleasant tasting liquid, Dodson's Liver Tone. You can get a large bottle at Ford & Thomason's drug store for fifty cents and every member of the family can use it. Dodson's Liver Tone is an all vegetable liver medicine that starts the liver to act within a few hours and has no bad after-effects. No restriction of your habits or diet necessary.

Ford & Thomason guarantees it to be a perfect substitute for calomel and will give you your money back if you are not pleased with the medicine.

Get a bottle instead of calomel next time.

Back to the Soil

There is too much money going for the luxuries of city life and not enough for country improvements.

The cry of "back to the soil" should apply to money as well as to men. It takes the coin of the realm to improve farms, build public highways and make farm life profitable and attractive.

NATURE'S WARNING

Decatur People must Recognize and Heed it

Kidney ills come mysteriously. But nature always warns you. Notice the kidney secretions. See if the color is unhealthy—If there are settlings and sediment, Passages frequent, scanty, painful. It's time to use Doan's Kidney Pills To ward off serious diseases. Doan's have done great work in Decatur.

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Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, county of Wise, by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Tarrant county, on the eighth day of August, 1911, by E. J. Brock Jr., District clerk of said county against E. W. Robinson, L. W. T. Robinson, W. N. Orand and W. I. Ghormley and H. L. Aken for the sum of eighteen hundred and sixty six (1866.00) dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 31872 in said court, styled Joe Poythres, versus E. W. Robinson, L. W. T. Robinson, W. N. Orand, W. I. Ghormley and H. L. Aken and placed in my hands for service, I, Sam Faith, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did on the 10th day of August, 1911, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, Texas, and out of survey No. 37; lot no 3, of the Texas and Pacific R. R. Co., and beginning at the N. W. corner of said survey No. 37, thence east 1188 vrs. N. W. corner of lot No. 2; thence South 936 9-10 vrs. the N. B. line of lot No. 4; thence West 1188 vrs. to N. W. corner of lot No. 4; thence N. 936 34-100 vrs. to place of beginning containing 196.8 acres of land; and levied upon as the property of said E. W. Robinson, L. W. T. Robinson, W. N. Orand, W. I. Ghormley & H. L. Aken; and on Tuesday, the fifth day of September, 1911, at the court house of Wise county, in the city of Decatur Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said E. W. Robinson, L. W. T. Robinson, W. N. Orand, W. I. Ghormley and H. L. Aken, by virtue of said levy and said order of sale. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 10th day of August, 1911. SAM FAITH, Sheriff, Wise county, Texas.

Constable's Sale

The state of Texas, county of Wise. By virtue of an execution issued out of the honorable justice court of Wise county on the 20th day of July 1911, by the Justice thereof, in the case of Lillard & Co. versus G. W. Clancy, No. 3142, and to me as constable, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for constable's sales, on the First Tuesday in September, 1911, it being the 5th day of said month, before the court house door of said Wise county, in the town of Decatur, the following described property to-wit: 100 acres of land situated in Wise county, Texas, and described as follows: Beginning at the north corner of a tract of 500 acres formerly owned by M. W. Shoemaker out of said J. W. Crunk survey, thence south 45. east 1136 vrs. to his south corner on N. W. line of a tract owned by W. F. Foster, thence S. 45. W. 500 vrs. thence N. 45. W. 1139 vrs., thence N. 45 E. 500 vrs. to the beginning. Also 76 2-3 acres in Wise county, Texas, beginning at the E. corner of a tract owned by Henry Farmer and at a point 1280 vrs. N. 45 E. from the S. corner of said J. W. Crunk survey, thence N. 45 W. 590 vrs. thence N. 45 E. 731 vrs. to S. W. cor. on S. W. line of a tract owned by W. H. Carter, thence S. 45 E. 590 vrs. Carter's S. corner, thence S. 45 W. 731 vrs. to the beginning. Levied on as the property of G. W. Clancy to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$80.00 in favor of Lillard & Co. and costs of suit.

Given under my hand this 27th day of July, 1911. W. M. WORKMAN, Constable.

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, county of Wise, by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the district court of Wise county on the 5th day of August, 1911, by Lory D. White, district clerk of said county against W. R. Hunt and Mary J. Hunt for the sum of five thousand six hundred, fifty-four and 29-100 (\$5654.29) dollars and cost of suit in cause No. 3438 in said court styled The National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis versus W. R. Hunt and Mary J. Hunt and placed in my hands for service, I, Sam Faith, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did on the 5th day of August, 1911, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit:

First tract—329 1-2 acres of land out of the Benjamin McGaha survey, situated in Wise county, Texas, on the waters of Denton Fork of the Trinity river, about 14 1-2 miles north 40 degrees east from the town of Decatur; patented to Wm. Johnson, assignee of Benjamin McGaha by patent No. 570, volume 16, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a pile of stone in the south line of Cowan survey; thence south 45 E with conflict on Cowan line 72 vrs to partition corner; thence S 45 W 744 vrs to O. Herndon's survey; thence N 45 W 72 vrs Herndon corner; thence S 45 W 600 vrs another corner of said Herndon survey. Thence N 45 W 1344 vrs N corner of said Herndon survey, thence N 45 E 1344 vrs; thence S 45 E 1344 vrs to the place of beginning.

Second tract—Also 2 1-2 acres out of said Benjamin McGaha survey, bounded as follows: Beginning at the SE corner of the D. S. Martin tract; thence S 45 E 20 vrs; thence S 45 W 744 vrs to O Herndon survey; thence N 45 W 20 vrs. thence N 45 E 744 vrs. to the beginning.

The above two tracts of land being the land set apart to Amelia Clark in the partition deed dated April 6, 1895, recorded in Vol. 31, page 300. Wise county records of deeds, and being made by Amelia Clark to J. C. Hill, and being the same land conveyed by Amelia Clark to D. S. Martin by deed dated June 21, 1895, recorded in Vol. 31, page 488 Wise county records of deeds; and the 2 1-2 acres conveyed by J. C. Hill and wife to D. S. Martin by deed dated March 27, 1896, recorded in volume 36, page 361, Wise county records of deeds, and being the same land conveyed by D. S. Martin and wife to Wm. R. Hunt by deed dated Feb. 21, 1899, recorded in Vol. 41, page 490 1-2, Wise county records of deeds.

Subject to the prior mortgage lien of Edgar Van Slyke upon said land for the sum of \$9520.95 as fully appears from said judgment; and levied upon as the property of said W. R. Hunt and Mary J. Hunt; and on Tuesday, the 5th day of September, 1911, at the court house door of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. I will sell said real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. R. Hunt and Mary J. Hunt by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

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MALARIAL DISEASES.

How to Avoid Them and the Serious Consequences of Neglect.

"Fix me up something to knock the malaria, doctor," remarked a sorrow-faced, sickly looking man, entering a prominent physician's office the other day.

The doctor stepped to his medicine case, took down a couple of bottles, mixed a preparation which he handed to the patient with the customary advice to "shake well and follow directions," and resumed his seat.

"Such cases are frequent," replied the doctor in answer to a question. "The warm days and damp, chilly nights are certain malaria breeders and are most serious in those who have neglected to keep their stomach, liver and bowels in good condition. Such persons are full of the impurities on which the malarial germ thrives, and it is from this class that typhoid fever, pneumonia, Bright's Disease, small pox and yellow fever claim most of their victims whenever these diseases are prevalent."

The proper way to guard against the malarial germ and the serious diseases which follow it is to get into good condition by taking a reliable remedy that will keep the bowels clear and the liver healthy, and to continue with it at frequent intervals during the sickly season.

A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters three or four times a week will do all of this, besides stimulating the digestion, improving the appetite and keeping the bodily energy at the highest pitch.

Prickly Ash Bitters is known everywhere as a system tonic and bowel regulator. It not only removes all traces of malarial poison from the system, but tones up the vital organs, gives new strength and vigor, makes the body strong and the brain active.

"Prickly Ash Bitters is the best all-around medicine for the family I ever used. During the past ten years I have always kept it in my house. Whenever any of my family show signs of malaria, kidney trouble, indigestion or constipation a few doses is all that is needed to make them well and hearty again."—W. H. McWilliams, Wickering, Ia.

Sold by druggists. Price \$1.00.

C. B. GUNN.

The State of Texas

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County greeting: E. M. Barnes, guardian of the estate of W. P. Barnes, a lunatic, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said W. P. Barnes, a lunatic numbered 1180 on the probate docket of Wise county, together with an application to be discharged from said guardianship.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper printed in the county of Wise, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the October term, 1911, of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the court house of said county, in the city of Decatur on the first Monday in October, A. D. 1911, when said account and application will be acted upon by said court.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the city of Decatur this 29th day of July, A. D. 1911. J. P. WILLIAMS, Clerk county court, Wise county. A true copy. I certify: SAM FAITH, Sheriff, Wise county.

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, county of Wise by virtue of a certain execution issued out of the honorable county court of Wise county, on the 29th day of July 1911, by J. P. Williams clerk county court of said county against A. Conn for the sum of four hundred eighty one dollars and 40c (\$481.40) and costs of suit, in cause No 1835 in said court, styled G. R. McClain versus A. Conn and placed in my hands for service, I, Sam Faith as sheriff of Wise county, Texas did on the 29 day of July 1911 levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county described as follows, to-wit one lot No 11 in block 25 and lot No 5 in block 18 in the town of Boyd Wise county Texas, and levied upon as the property of said A. Conn. And on Tuesday, the fifth day of September 1911 at the court house door of Wise county, in the city of Decatur Texas, between the hours of ten a m and four p m I will sell said real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said A. Conn by virtue of said levy and said execution. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand this 29th day of July 1911. SAM FAITH, Sheriff, Wise county Texas.

Buy it now. Now is the time to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. This remedy has no superior. For sale by all druggists.

Ex-Confederate Veterans

of Wise County

THE MESSENGER will publish the great serial story of the Civil War--"Chattanooga"--story of love and war

"CHATTANOOGA"

NEW TALES THAT ARE TOLD

Squelching a Barber.

This story is blamed on "Scamp" Montgomery at the Priars' club. Mr. Montgomery alleges that the story as he relates it actually happened.

"A man had just been released from the penitentiary," said Mr. Montgomery, "and the first place he headed for was a barber shop. He wanted to get



"WHAT WAS YOU IN FOR?"

the traces of his prison made hair cut rubbed down smooth. The barber spotted him in a minute.

"Just out, hey?" said the barber. "Yes," said the customer. "And I'm in a hurry. Give me a hair cut and a shave, and do it quick."

"How long have you been in?" "Four years," said the former prisoner. "Hurry."

"How did you like it?" "Pretty good. Hurry." "Have to work hard?" "Never mind. Hurry."

"Four years," said the barber, pausing to look romantically out of the window. "And me at liberty every blame minute, goin' hither and yon, as you might say, and stayin' up all night if I wanted to, and runnin' downtown to take in a show. Gee, four years! That's sure tough luck. What was you in for?"

"For killing a jackass of a barber," howled the customer. "And I'm on my way back."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

THE GROSSCUPS DODGED THE PULPIT

Parents Wanted a Preacher, but the Fates Prevented.

"There were three boys in our family out in Ashland county, O.," said Colonel Fred Paul Grosscup of

Charleston, W. Va., at the Willard hotel, "and our good old Lutheran parents decided that one of the three should be a preacher.

"Peter, the firstborn, was picked for the church, while Ben and myself were allowed to think of some other vocation. Well, when Peter left college he told father and mother that he guessed the church could get along without him, as he preferred the law. Then I was picked for the pulpit, and after a term in college my parents were shocked to learn that I had entered a business house far from home.

"That meant the selection of Ben, the youngest, for the church, and when Ben got through his college course he told the old folks at home that he thought it wisest to follow the example of Peter and enter the legal profession. There were no other boys, so what could father and mother do but exclaim, 'The Lord's will be done,' and give us each a parental blessing? "Years after, when Brother Peter reached the federal bench and Ben achieved distinction on the Pacific coast, our parents seemed reconciled to the loss sustained by the pulpits of the country."—Washington Post.

In the Line of Economy.

Here is a story which former Secretary of War Dickinson tells of how a colored man planned to save money when his brother died. The darky went to the station agent in his little town, which was about fifty miles from Memphis, Tenn., and asked:

"Boss, how much is it to fetch a corpse from hyah to Memphis?"

The agent told him.

"Well, boss, how much is it to fetch a corpse on a round trip from hyah to Memphis?"

This information was also given, but the agent added:

"I never heard of carrying a corpse on a round trip."

"Well, boss, you see it's dis way," explained the darky. "Dis hyah corpse is my bruyver, an' we got a lot of kinfolks up in Memphis. All dem kinfolks would come down hyah to look at de corpse, an' dey would jes' eat me outen house an' home. I thought I'd save money by fetchin' dis corpse up dar an' lettin' 'em take a look at him. Den I could bring him back an' bury him quiet an' peaceful."

The Writer's Holidays.

"Christmas is pret' near here, pop," said the youngster. "Christmas?" echoed the magazine writer. "Christmas? Seems as if Christmas occurred several months ago. But here is a dollar for the Fourth," and he resumed the thread of his Independence day story.—Buffalo Express.

A Woman's Trait.

"I wish I'd been born a woman." "What for?" "So that I could properly gush over the Christmas gifts I get that I don't want."—Detroit Free Press.

The yearly production of salt in the United States would fill a barrel 700 feet in height and 500 feet in diameter.

The man who provides himself with everything new and useful for carrying on the farm work and leaves the household with implements that date back to pioneer days is not deserving of larger success.

HUMOR OF THE DAY

Guessed at Last.

The philosopher was sitting on a bench in the park thinking about the whyness of the wherefore when a man rushed by him. The fugitive was followed by another man who yelled at the philosopher:

"Catch him! Lay hands on him!" But the philosopher did not budge.

"Are you deaf? Why did you not hold the murderer?"

"Murderer? What is a murderer, sir?"

"What a question! A murderer is one who kills."

"Oh, you mean a butcher, then?" "What an idiot! I mean one who kills another man."

"I see. You mean a soldier."

"Stupid! A murderer is one who kills another man in time of peace."

"Now I have it. You mean an executioner."

"I never saw such stupidity! I mean a man who comes to the house of another and kills him."

"Oh, oh! I have it at last! A physician."

The man looked at the philosopher for a few seconds and then rushed away pondering over the last guess.

—Oscar Leonard in Life.

Scientific Salesmanship.

"How do you manage to sell so many automobiles?" was asked of the salesman who wears diamonds and a silk hat and smokes thirty cent cigars.

"I don't mind telling you if you treat it confidentially," he replied. "You know, most people judge a machine by the speed it can make. Well, there is a quiet little stretch of road about ten miles out of the city. I get the prospect to take a ride in the machine. I want him to buy. When we reach that stretch of road I let her out for all she's worth, generally about thirty miles an hour. Pretty soon my partner, disguised as a constable, stops us and asserts vehemently that he has timed us and we were going eighty-five miles an hour. After some wrangling I manage to buy him off, and on the way home I close the deal with the prospect."—Chicago Post.

Questioning Grandma.

"Grandma," inquired her little grandson the day of her arrival, "did you sleep on your face last night?"

"Of course not, dear. Why do you ask that?"

"Cause it's all wrinkled."—Exchange.

The Very Latest.

"She's very proud of her child." "Doesn't she know that mere children are unfashionable?"

"But I believe she has some sort of modified baby."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Chillsome.

"I once proposed to a girl in a conservatory."

"With what result?" "A lot of expensive plants were nipped by frost."—Washington Herald.

The Barrier.

"When their eyes met, what happened?"

"Nothing. Her hat brim kept him twenty inches from her mouth."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Grocery Announcement

We have bought the grocery business of C. A. SAUNDERS and have moved the stock into our building. We have replenished this already complete stock, and are prepared to serve your every want in the best of groceries at reasonable prices. We solicit a continuation of the patronage of Mr. Saunders' customers, and also invite you to give us your business.

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W. A. HELM,

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T. J. DILLEHAY

From Supt. Bralley

To the County Superintendent:

An examination for teachers' certificates should be given at your county seat August 31 and September 1 and 2, 1911. I am sending you by to-day's express a supply of forms and blank certificates. All old forms and blank certificates should be destroyed, because said old forms and certificates cannot be used under the new law.

The following examination schedule is prescribed:

Thursday forenoon—History of Education, Physics, Solid Geometry, English and American Literature; Afternoon—Psychology, Chemistry, Plane Trigonometry, Book-keeping.

Friday: Forenoon—Texas History, Physiology, Spelling, Reading; afternoon—Methods, United States History, Geography, Agriculture.

Saturday: Forenoon—Arithmetic, Grammar, Physical Geography, Plane Geometry; Afternoon—Civil Government, Algebra, General History, Composition.

The county board of examiners must not grade papers of applicants for state certificates, and all papers of applicants for State certificates, accompanied by forms L, L-1 and L-2 properly filled, must be forwarded to the State Superintendent, at Austin, on the afternoon, of the last day of the examination. In arranging papers for shipment by express, those on the same subject should be kept together and not be rolled or folded.

Remember that the county board grades only the papers of applicants for county second grade certificates and the person entering the examination must apply at the beginning for a State certificate or for a county certificate. In order to build to a certificate of higher grade, a person must first get a State second grade certificate, after which he may take the examination in one or more subjects at any given examination. The applicant should not attempt to take too many subjects at any one examination, but in building it would be better for him to take the examination in only two or three subjects at a given time and thus do better work and make higher grades.

Respectfully yours,
F. M. Bralley,
State Superintendent.

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The Majestic Theatre is the place for you to spend those long evenings. Solid amusement and fun during entire show. Only 10 cents.

Adaptability.

A New York lawyer tells of an old and well to do farmer in Dutchess county who had something of a reputation as a litigant.

On one occasion this old chap made a trip to see his lawyers with reference to a lawsuit he intended to bring. He sat down with one of them and laid out his plan at great length. The lawyer said, "On that statement you have no case at all." The old fellow hitched his trousers nervously, twitched his face and hastily added:

"Well, I can tell it another way."—Brooklyn Life.

Attend the Majestic tonight.

What do you know??

phone the Messenger what you know in the way of news; we will appreciate your assistance in keeping "the Pioneer Paper" abreast of the times.

City Dailies Represented

The leading dailies of the state—Dallas News, the Galveston News, and Ft. Worth Record—have representatives with the Messenger force, and they ask you to report news notes to them. Don't hesitate to use the phone

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